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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN CANDIDACY FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF WHO

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF APRIL 14 STATING THAT THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PRESENT ITS CANDIDATURE FOR A SEAT ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) AT THE 20TH WHO ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED FOR THIS MAY IN GENEVA. GIVEN THE QUALITY OF TUNISIAN PERSONNEL AND PROGRAMS IN HEALTH FIELD--INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING AND RURAL HEALTH SERVICES--AND THEIR LONG RECORD OF COOPERATION INTERNATIONALLY ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL ISSUES, WE URGE THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SUPPORTING THE TUNISIAN CANDIDACY FOR THE COUNCIL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON THIS QUESTION AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.

2. PRESENTING CASE FOR TUNISIAN MEMBERSHIP ON COUNCIL, MFA NOTE STATES IN PART, QUOTE: TUNISIA IS CONVINCED THAT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IMPLIES A BETTERMENT OF MAN WHICH IS CLOSELY TIED TO THE PROBLEM OF HEALTH. IN THE HEALTH SECTOR, TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN, IN COLLABORATION WITH WHO, MAJOR PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE ERADICATION OF SMALLPOX, AND THE ENERGETIC FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA.

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3. QUOTE: THESE CONSIDERATIONS UNDERLINE THE INTEREST WHICH THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS ACCORDED TO WHO. IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT TUNISIA, A MEMBER SINCE 1956, WAS ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN 1962 FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. IN JANUARY 1975 TUNISIA WISHED TO AGAIN PRESENT ITS CANDIDACY, BUT IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, WITHDREW TWICE OVER (A DEUX

REPRISES). THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THUS WOULD BE
HAPPY TO COUNT UPON THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON BE-
HALF OF ITS CANDIDACY FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE WHO.
END QUOTE.

4. COPY OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND TRANSLATION BEING POUCHED TO
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